1	2	3	4	5	6
17	West Bengal	4035.31	4600.00	681.82	607.20
18	Delhi		300.00		
19	Lakshadweep		63.00	29.90	
20	A&N Islands		85.00		
	Total	58620.00	84385.14	87625.01	79335.54

Shortage of milk and milk powder

577. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of milk in the country and inspite of that ban imposed on export of milk & milk powder has been removed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representation from Milk Co-operative in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no shortage of milk in the country, except in the State of Kerala. There was no ban on export of milk & milk powder during the year 2008 and in fact export incentives which were withdrawn during the lean season were restored with the onset of flush season in December, 2008 after the situation was reviewed with milk cooperative federations and private dairies.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, this Department has received a representation of Government of Kerala informing about shortage of liquid milk, with a request to impose ban on export of milk powder. After a review of the milk availability in the country, it was found that there is enough availability of liquid milk & milk powder in the country to take care of the shortage of milk in Kerala.

Fertilizers policy

578. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalised fertilizer policy and investment for gas based fertilizer projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rate of subsidy proposed to be given for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The Government has already finalized and announced a policy for new investments in urea sector on 4th September 2008. The New Investment Policy aims at revamp,